

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
RIPDES PROGRAM  
235 PROMENADE STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER CHAPTER 46-12 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: Thursday, June 25, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-09-04

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100251

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Smithfield  
64 Farnum Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917-3203

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Smithfield Wastewater Treatment Plant  
20 Esmond Mill Drive  
Smithfield, RI 02917

RECEIVING WATER: Woonasquatucket River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B1

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is located in Smithfield and is engaged in the treatment of industrial and domestic wastewater from the sanitary sewer system in the Town of Smithfield. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) reissued the facility's RIPDES permit in 2007. The 2007 permit included effluent limitations for Copper. The DEM recently modified the Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations to include site-specific Copper water quality criteria for the Woonasquatucket River downstream of the Smithfield wastewater treatment plant. After recalculating allowable water quality-based discharge levels using the new water quality criteria, the DEM determined that effluent limitations for Copper are no longer required. Therefore, DEM proposes to eliminate limitations for Copper through this modification.

## **DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023639

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Greenwich Mills, LLC  
P.O. Box 1954  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

42 Ladd Street  
Warwick, RI 02818

RECEIVING WATER: Greenwich Cove

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is located in East Greenwich, and discharges effluent from a groundwater remediation system. The purpose of the groundwater remediation system is to treat contaminated groundwater infiltrating into an elevator shaft sump. The treatment system consists of two (2) 200-pound granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels in series. The facility discharges effluent to Greenwich Cove by way of a stormwater system catch basin located at 42 Ladd St. DEM proposes to reissue the facility's RIPDES permit through this modification.

## **DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023558

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Sakonnet Point Club, Incorporated  
50 Sakonnet Point Road  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Sakonnet Point Club, Incorporated  
Bluff Head Avenue  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

RECEIVING WATER: Sakonnet River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SA

This Public Notice serves as official notification that DEM has developed a draft permit which it proposes to reissue under the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Program, which regulates discharges into Waters of the State under Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended. The Sakonnet Point Club has applied for renewal of its RIPDES Permit to discharge into the Sakonnet River. The discharge consists of brackish effluent from a Reverse Osmosis system that



is used as a public drinking water supply for the Sakonnet Point Club. The Sakonnet Point club has requested an increase in the discharge flowrate from 3,000 gpd to 5,000 gpd. The draft permit only authorizes the discharge of the concentrated groundwater from the RO system and specifically prohibits the discharge of any cleaning/sanitizing chemicals.

**FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:**

A fact sheet/statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

Samuel Kaplan, P.E.  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
(401) 222-4700, extension 7046  
samuel.kaplan@dem.ri.gov

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these permit actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing will be scheduled to consider these permit actions if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Samuel Kaplan at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM on Monday, July 27, 2009, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 4:00 PM  
Room 280  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

235 Promenade Street is accessible to the handicapped. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the DEM at 401-222-4462 (TDD) 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2009.


If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis/fact sheet or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes these permit actions are inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period under Rule 41. The public comment period is from Thursday, June 25, 2009 to Friday, July 31, 2009. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to DEM as noted above.

#### **FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:**

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the permittee and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of Rule 49.

6/15/09  
Date

  
Eric A. Beck, P.E.  
Supervising Sanitary Engineer  
Office of Water Resources  
Department of Environmental Management